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[House Bill, No. —.]

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[By Mr. HOLTON.]

A BILL

To be entitled an Act to amend the law in relation to substitutes.

1 *Whereas*, Through frauds perpetrated on the government under
2 the clause of the act approved April 16th, 1862, which granted
3 the privilege that persons, not liable to military duty, might be
4 received for those who were, our armies have been deprived
5 of the services of men necessary for the public defence; there-
6 fore,

1 SEC. 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That,*
2 in all cases where substitutes received under the provisions of
3 the above (or any other) law have deserted, or shall hereafter
4 desert, the obligation of the principal shall revive upon the de-
5 sertation of the substitute being established and attested under
6 regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

1 SEC. 2. In all cases where a substitute has proved unfit for the
2 discharge of the ordinary duties of a soldier, by reason of physi-
3 cal or mental incapacity, existing at the time he was received as

4 a substitute, the obligation of the principal shall revive upon
5 such incapacity being established and attested under regulations
6 to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

1 SEC. 3 In all cases where a man, who is a substitute, would be
2 liable to enrollment for military service under existing or future
3 laws if he were not already in the army, the principal is hereby
4 declared to be subject to such enrollment.